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Application # 09/736,430
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REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully thanked for the consideration provided to this application. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Each of claims 13 and 15 has been amended for at least one reason unrelated to patentability, including at least one of: to explicitly present one or more limitations, phrases, words, terms, and/or elements implicit in the claim as originally written when viewed in light of the specification, thereby not narrowing the scope of the claim; to detect infringement more easily; to enlarge the scope of infringement; to cover different kinds of infringement (direct, indirect, contributory, induced, and/or importation, etc.); to expedite the issuance of a claim of particular current licensing interest; to target the claim to a party currently interested in licensing certain embodiments; to enlarge the royalty base of the claim; to cover a particular product or person in the marketplace; and/or to target the claim to a particular industry. Descriptive support for the amendments to each of claims 13 and 15 can be found in the application, as originally submitted, at least at page 5, lines 1-12. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims 13-15 are now pending in this application. Each of claims 13 and 15 are in independent form.

The Written Description Rejections

Each of claims 13-15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. These rejections are respectfully traversed as moot in light of the present amendments to each of independent claims 13 and 15.

Specifically, each of independent claims 13 and 15 state, *inter alia*, "a control unit operable to measure a first delay time associated with a first complementary data stream delivered to a first device and a second delay time associated with a second complementary data stream delivered to a second device, and synchronize the first complementary data stream and the second complementary data stream by introducing a relative delay to which ever of the first

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complementary data stream and the second complimentary data stream corresponds to a shorter delay time of the first delay time and the second delay time, the relative delay one half of a difference between the first delay time and the second delay time".

Applicant respectfully submits that at least page 5, lines 1-12 provides a written description that supports the claimed subject matter of each of claims 13-15. For at least these reasons, a reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of each of claims 13-15 is respectfully requested.

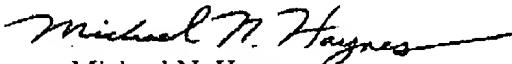
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application as amended is in clear condition for allowance. Reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-2504. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 434-972-9988 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

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